

MAYOR PEREZ STILL HOPEFUL REGARDING GOODWIN HOTEL

---NEWS STATEMENT---

(December 29, 2008)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez has issued the following statement in regards to the closing of the Goodwin Hotel:

"Sadly, the Goodwin Hotel is closed for now but I am still very hopeful that an investor will step forward very soon in regards to reopening this niche business. The Goodwin is essential to the vibrancy of that block of Downtown Hartford and it is crucial that we retain these jobs with good wages and health care benefits. There are still interested parties who are taking part in the negotiations, so I am hopeful and determined that this investment will come through, very much in the spirit of how the City of Hartford saved the Hilton and even expanded job opportunities."